India. NCERT has informed that these transfers are made according to the need of their services and administrative exigencies of work. There were no extraneous considerations behind the transfers under reference.

NGOs for dissemination of literature, culture and art

†5466. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of NGOs are working in the country for the dissemination and propagation of literature, culture and art;

(b) if so, the total number of such organisations by the end of March, 2002, indicating their numbers in each State; and

(c) how much amount in the form of grant is provided by Government to these organisations annually?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Female scientists

†5467. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to formulate a plan to give encouragement to female scientists;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of facilities provided to female scientists during the last three years; and

(d) the present number of female scientists and the fields in which they are working?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) As per the information furnished by the Department of Science and Technology, they are ataching vital importance to the encouragement of women in Science and Technology and are implementing various schemes such as Science & Technology for Women, Biotechnology based Programme for Women, Golden Jubilee Biotech Park for Women, and Women Bio-Scientist Award. The Department of Science and Technology propose to encourage women working in the field of Science and technology through special incentives such as Scholarships, Fellowships and Awards, Additionally,the Department of Science & Technology also propose to introduce special gender sensitive features in these schemes through flexible timings, leave options and entry level age relaxation. The Department of Biotechnology has instituted three National Women Bio-Scientist Awards for recognising contributions made by Women Scientists in the area of Biology and Biotechnology.

(d) As per the figures available, as on 1st April 1998, 37,673 scientist and technocrat women were employed in Research & Development establishments in the country.

Arbitrary donations and fees in private schools and technical institutes

†5468. DR. PRBHA THAKUR: Wilt the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether taking of arbitrary donations and fees by private schools and technical education institutes, for admission in such schools and institutes is legitimate;

(b) whether any limit for free from students of each class of private schools has been fixed; and

(c) if so, the details of steps taken by Government to curb such arbitrary recoveries by educational institutes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) 'Education' is in the Concurrent List of the Constitution and school education is primarily the concern of the State/Union Territory Governments. Privatge schools are governed by State laws and rules.

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